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SUBJECT:SOVIET KOMSOMOL DELEGATION VISIT TO US

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1. ELEVEN-MEMBER SOVDEL VISITED US OCT 25-NOV 10 UNDER ACYPL EXCHANGE. HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM INCLUDED VIP TOUR OF KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, DISCUSSION WITH SENATORS GOLDWATER IN ARIZONA AND CANNON IN NEVADA, ELECTION-DAY TOUR OF CBS ELECTION HQ IN NEW YORK, VISITS TO FACTORIES IN NORTH CAROLINA AND FLORIDA, AND DAY AT NAVAJO INDIAN RESERVATION.

2. SOVDEL WAS INTELLIGENT AND BRIEFED ON US. IT ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH WORKERS AND LEARNING ABOUT WAGES, PRICES, AND LIVING STANDARDS. IT OFTEN BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF ALLEGED TRADE DISCRIMINATION AND HAD STANDARD REPLIES TO QUESTIONS POSED BY HOSTS ABOUT INTERNAL SOVIET POLICIES. GROUP SEEMED ESPECIALLY STRUCK BY WHAT IT CONSIDERS A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET UNION AMONG ORDINARY AMERICANS WITH WHOM IT CAME INTO CONTACT.

3. AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY MADE GREAT IMPRESSION ON GROUP WHICH

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WAS AWED BY COMPUTER SYSTEMS IN BANK VISITED IN PHOENIX, BY

IBM FACTORY IN NORTH CAROLINA, AUTOMATION AT DISNEY WORLD,
AND BRIGHT LIGHTS AT LAS VEGAS SHOW. GROUP WAS ALSO VERY
FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH WARM HOSPITALITY SHOWN THEM AT
EVERY STOP.

4. DETAILS OF TRIP BEING SENT IN LETTER TO LEVITSKY.
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